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tank. They're selling road diesel, off-road diesel, and no lead 87 octane fuel. It's a co-op is who it is with a card control and that's it. You have to have a card to buy fuel. It's out...the tank is out away from a town. They just said we're not going to do it. We are not going to upgrade that system. It's expensive. It's a low volume location. We're just going to close it. And if you're going to close that, you're going to put some people at a real inconvenience. You're taking away some competition for those two grades of fuel. It's an inconvenience. The price is going to go up obviously. When you start restricting competition, up goes the price. That's just the free market at work. I still defend ethanol. I did an interview with the radio station out there, and I really truly believe we need to get LB 75 behind us and get on to LB 536. That is a bill that's critical to the ethanol industry in the state. And I also find it rather ironic in reviewing my files that Williams Energy had a couple people up here lobbying us on the bill early on it seems like when it was heard in committee. I think they were up here testifying probably is the reason they were here, but they were in my office. They were looking for subsidies for ethanol production. Why? Williams Energy Services owns an interest in the York plant, the ethanol plant, I believe. I don't want to put Senator Stuhr on the spot, but I think we'll verify that and that's what they told me. I'm just sure that's right that the pipeline company also owns an interest in an ethanol plant. Farmland also owns an interest in the ethanol plant in Aurora. They told me that myself straight to me on the phone. So there's conflict written all over this bill, whether it's retail or ethanol producers or big oil, whatever. This bill opens up a whole can of worms if it should be passed. And for that reason, I'd ask for your support on my bracket motion. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. The motion before us is to bracket LB 75 until March 13, 2002. Those wishing to speak are Senators Chambers, Stuhr, Bruning, Kremer, Burling, Connealy, Schrock, and Beutler. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the last exchange that took place prior to Senator Baker and Senator Connealy speaking had merit on both sides. Senator